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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC

SUBJECT: KH-4 Binary Data Block Reader

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25X1AREFERENCES: (1) [] dated 2 October 1965
(2) [] Proposal #SME-CL-24, dated
15 November 1965

1. As stated in reference 1, the Technical Intelligence Division has a critical need for an effective binary data block reader to read the KH-4 time word. TID personnel have reviewed the [] proposal and conclude that it will adequately serve our needs.

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2. The proposal states that fifteen weeks will be required from receipt of contract to deliver the reader and that an IBM Model 519 Card Punch must be available to the contractor seven weeks prior to delivery date. Availability of a Model 519 Card Punch within eight weeks may be a problem in that IBM estimates four months delivery time. It is requested that P&DS investigate the possibility of acquiring a Model 519 Card Punch on an expedite basis.

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3. In addition to providing TID with a rapid binary reader for the KH-4 material, it would also permit NPIC to test and evaluate the [] Silicon Photodiodes method of dot reading. The method is planned for use in the Universal Data Block Reader currently under development by [] Experience gained through the reader as proposed for the KH-4 program will provide information which may result in an improved Universal Reader.

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4. Based upon the TID need and the [] proposal which will meet that need on a timely basis, it is requested that P&DS proceed on a priority basis to contract with [] to develop and manufacture one data block reader as described in their proposal.

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